

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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Chairman Takamine, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaiçi supports the intent of H.B. 441, HD1, (HSCR287).

We support the concept of more support for teacher candidates to pass required examinations for teachers.

Though we believe that the Hawaiçi standards for teacher education and for licensure are sufficiently flexible to allow for a wide variety of alternative routes to licensure, it will certainly do no harm for the board to conduct further study of its standards.